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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR R/V "EASTWARD"

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 0227

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, THE GOTT GAVE ITS VERBAL APPROVAL FOR R/V "EASTWARD" RESEARCH IN THE GULF OF PARIA ON JANUARY 29. TODAY (JAN 30) EMBASSY RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONFIRMING APPROVAL SUBJECT TO TWO CONDITIONS WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SPECIFIED:

"(I) RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DONE ON ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO; THESE RESULTS MAY BE PUBLISHED ONLY WITH ITS EXPRESSED CONSENT; AND

"(II) ALL DATA AND SPECIMENS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO; WHERE SPECIMENS CANNOT BE DUPLICATED THE ORIGINALS MUST RESIDE IN ITS MUSEUMS AND LABORATORIES".

2. AN OFFICER IN THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PHILLIP SEALEY) SAID THAT THESE CONDITIONS HAD BEEN IN FORCE SINCE 1973 WHEN THE CABINET ESTABLISHED A GENERAL POLICY ON RESEARCH IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BY NON-NATIONALS. SEALEY INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CONDITIONS WOULD HAVE MUCH ACTUAL EFFECT ON THE WORK OF THE "EASTWARD" AND THAT THE PRACTICAL DETAILS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SATISFYING THE CONDITIONS WOULD BE LEFT TO HE SCIENTIFIC

PARTY ON BOARD THE SHIP AND THE TRINIDADIAN PARTICIPANTS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE PASSED TO THE "EASTWARD" VIA DUKE UNIVERSITY WITH WHICH THE SHIP MAINTAINS DAILY CONTACT.

4. GOTT POSITION ON RESEARCH STRIKES EMBASSY AS UNDULY RESTRICTIVE AND CERTAINLY MUCH MORE RIGID THAN THE CONDITIONS IN THE LOS SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT. WE WILL COMMENT FURTHER AFTER WE HAVE OBTAINED AND STUDIED COMPLETE TEXT OF GOTT POLICY ON RESEARCH.

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